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exchanged between the separate lifting columns mutually and with the operating means, whereby the options for use of the lifting device according to the invention are greatly increased.

[Page 1 (Substitute Sheet) to page 3 amend paragraph bridging the two pages as follows:

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Communicating the safety signals via the data bus ensures that a random number of co-acting lifting columns can co-act reliably and, in particular, with great safety.

[Page 2 amend in its entirety as follows:

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The CAN data bus and components therefor are well standardized, so that the control and operating means can be constructed and embodied in reliable manner. Because this data bus only requires two wires, the connecting lines remain well manageable and little vulnerable.

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The proper operation of all lifting columns can be ascertained from the operating means ^uwhereby control signals for setting the safety means into operation can be transmitted in one direction in the closed circuit, which results in a high reliability.

^uuser can select the lifting column which is most suitable for him for the operation of the whole device.

BY The energy supply for each, or at least a number of the lifting columns can take place via the at least one lifting column. It is possible for instance to dimension the supply voltage lines such that a total of four lifting columns are supplied via the one lifting column. The at least one lifting column can herein be provided with overload protection means which ensure switching off of the power supply in the case of overload of several or all coupled lifting columns.

According to another suitable embodiment the relative position of each lifting column is easily identifiable by the operating means.

The lifting columns which are disposed on either side of the same vehicle axle as pairs. It hereby becomes possible, when a vehicle is supported by more than four lifting columns, for instance to build in or remove an axle by independently operating the two lifting columns forming part of one pair.

Page 3, first and second full paragraphs as follows:

BS Separate operation of the lifting columns mutually associated to form a pair can be performed in simple manner from the operating means.

After adjustment of one of the pairs, the other co-acting pairs can be identified simply by the operating means.